acts, and further mandated that all States must refrain from providing any form of support, active or passive, to entities or persons involved in terrorist acts.

They stressed the need for Pakistan to fulfil its stated commitment to end cross-border terrorism and extremism, not allow infiltration through the line of control and to fulfil its obligation asumed for suppressing the activities of terrorist groups based in Pakistan controlled territories.

The two sides also discussed the situation in Central Asia, Transcaucusus, and issues relating to emerging threats to regional and international peace and stability.

The delegations stressed that the interaction of Russia and India in combating international terrorism constituted an important component of strategic partnership between the two countries. The Sides confirmed their firm intention to further strengthen their anti terrorism cooperation based on summit-level agreements.

The two sides agreed that the next meeting of the Joint Working Group would be held in Moscow on mutually convenient dates.

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US visa regulations

1685. SHRI K. NATWAR SINGH : Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether US has assured India that they need not worry about US visa regulations;

(b) if so, to what extent the new visa regulations by the US immigration and Naturalisation Service has affected India; and

(c) to what extent India is satisfied?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI OMAR ABDULLAH): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Questions do not arise.